CITY INTELLIGENCE.

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ACTION OF THE CONTROLLERS.-To c . sider the action of the Controllers.—To o 'sider the report of a special committee appointed to revise and reduce the text books now used in the schools, the Board of School Control met in adjourned session yesterday afternoon. Mr. Edward Shippen

A communication was received from the first section, with a resolution to vacate the Hazel school house after January I. Another from the twentieth section requested that the school-house just erected at Twentieth and Jefferson streets be called "Reynolds School." The Board agreed to both.

The special committee appointed to report a uni-form system of text-books to be used in the grammar, primary, secondary and unclassified schools, after January 1, 1867, reported: That they have given the subject a careful consideration, and in order to present the Board such a list of books as would best subserve the interests of the schools, they deemed it wise to have the unbiassed views of the principal teachers of the grammar schools. whose experience and judgment would be of great value. They therefore convened, by due notice, the different principals, and received an expression of their views and wishes in regard to the subject, and at the same time, by a formal vote, their preferences for such books as they considered best for the schools.

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There was great unanimity of opinion, and a strong desire expressed for a great reduction of the number of text books.

The present edition of the Scholar's Companion did not meet the approval of the committee of teachers, and would not have been placed on the list were it not that a new edition, free from the objections of the old, has been prepared.

It was the earnest desire of many teachers to have measuration taught in the grammar and pre-

have mensuration taught in the grammar and un-classified schools, so far as that subject is con-tained in the arithmetics, leaving its further study to be pursued at the High Schools, when the sub-ject might be prejudicial to the interests of pupils in the rural wards. Reflection, however, showed that the difficulty could be obvisted by furnishing that the difficulty could be obviated by furnishing the text-books on mensuration to such schools as might be specially named by their sectional boards. In conclusion, the committee offer this resolu-

Resolved, That the annexed list of books be adopted by the Board of Controllers as the only text-books to be used in the grammar, secondary, primary and unclassified schools of the first school

primary and unclassified schools of the first school district, from and after January 1, 1867.

George W. Vaughn, Nathan Hilles, John Rittenhouss, John W. Clark.

The books specified were: Arithmetic (United States) 1st and 3d part; key to do; Aruthmetic, Brooks' written, do, mental, key to do; Bibles for teachers; Scholars' Companions; Hart's Constitution United States; Copy books, plain; do. Beckers; Becker's copy slips: Dictionary, Laidlaw's pronouncing; do., Webster reyal octavo: do., Webster elementary; do, Webster comprehensive; do, Webster universal and critical; Geography, Mitchell's intermediate; do, Mitchell's brimary new; do., Warren's common school; do., Warren's primary; Grammar, Hart's 1st and 2d parts; Historical Companion, 1st and 2d parts; Mesuration, Vogdes; do, Rogers; Poetry, Hart's class-book; a pronouncing gazetteer; Read-2d parts; Mensuration, Vogdes; do, Rogers; Poetry, Hart's class-book; a pronouncing gazetteer; Readers, Emerson's, 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th parts; do., Lowell's, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th parts; do. Sanders', 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th parts; do., Wilson's Primer, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th parts; do, Hillard's, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, intermediate, 15th and 18th parts; do., Childs' Ist and 2d parts; Spelling books, Nos. I and 2, Pennsylvania; do., Worcester's series; do., Philadelphia.

land 2, Pennsylvania; do., Worcester's series; do., Philadelphia.

Dr. Vaughan stated that the matter was one which had long interested the Board of Control. The members knew that the text-books needed revision. There were too many of them, and the editions needed careful alteration. To adjust this a special committee was appointed. It labored diligently and long, and now presented the result of their work. No effort had been spared which would have given the committee increased inforwould have given the committee increased infor-mation or aided them in the preparation of the list of books. The books are by it classified and divi-ded, and an order previously unknown introduced into the arrangement of text books for the public

Mr. Green moved to refer the report to the Committee on Text Books.

Mr. Freeborn objected. The committee was appointed to revise the text books. The unanimous consent of the Board indorsed the appointment of the committee, and the Board is fully acquainted

with the merits of the question. To refer it to the School Book Committee is only an attempt to kill Dr. Nebinger moved to amend that the report be

Dr. Vaughan said that the committee would have no objection to the printing, but would object to the recommittal to the Committee on Text-books. The matter was disposed of by referring the whole subject to the Committee on Text-books, directing the report to be printed, and the committee to report at an adjourned meeting next Friday

tee to report at an adjourned afternoon.

Mr. Shippen (Mr. Kline in the chair) stated that he was called upon by an officer of the city to ascertain the value of the school property in the city, and he therefore offered the following resolution:

Whereas, This Board has been called upon by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for a valuation of the school, lots and buildings; there-

Resolved. That the Committee on Property be directed and authorized to employ a competent practical man to make the necessary valuation.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Haines offered a resolution that the President of the Board of School Control be directed to confer with the Mayor of the city to have an enumeration taken of the children between the ages of six to ten who do no tattend public schools.

Mr. Shippen stated that snot an enumeration is

Mr. Shippen stated that such an enumeration is made weekly by the police of London, and re-ported to the Lord Mayor. Such statistics are called for in various cities of the United States. The called for in various cities of the United States. The number of children idle on our streets surprises one unacquainted with the figures. To take the enumeration will cost nothing. Blanks for the statistics can be printed for ten dollars, and on any given day the police sergeants can, through their patrolmen, return full and accurate lists from

every beat in the city.

Mr. Shippen presented an invitation from the Teachers' Convention to attend their meeting, at the Girls' Normal School, this afternoon. There will be statistics presented to show that 329 teachers of Philadelphia receive 82 cents per day; over 400 receive 88 cents; over 800, 98 cents, and 1150 Mr. Duffy moved that the members of the Board

use their personal influence among the Council-men to secure increased compensation for the teachers of the schools. The Board so agreed.

A DECIDED CHANGE .- The mercury for twentyfour hours past has been below the freezing point. Yesterday, by way of averting danger to the plateglass windows in the stores on Chesnut street, the gas burners in them were kept in operation during the entire day. Experience is a faithful but an expensive teacher. She taught our storekeepers last winter that a sudden attack of frost upon French plate glass was only less destructive than an attack with brickbats.

The skating parks are now in splendid condi-tion, and yestercay they were crowded. The ice is solid and thick. The usual miseries, in the shape of frozen water pipes and hydrants, are felt al-ready, and the plumbers are overrun with orders. Provisions of all kinds in the markets, yesterday, were frozen solidly. Beef and chickens, mutton and squirrels, cabbages and partridges, opossums and parsnips were alike converted into stone. To-

ward night the temperature moderated.

The Schuylkili, yesterday afternoon, was frozen from shore to shore; not sufficiently to support the weight of a man, though a cat might have crossed it when the sun rose. Above the dam the ice is solid along the shore, and yesterday morning found a large group of people enjoying the sport

THE MYSTERIOUS HOMICIDE.-The Coroner held an inquest yesterday in the case of Anthony Joline, who died in the Pennsylvania

Hospital on Tuesday last, from a stab received in Bedford street on Sunday last.

No information was gained from the witnesses, except that Johne complained to one man that he had been stabbed, but did not say by whom. Joline was intoxicated at the

Dr. Shapleigh testified that he had made postmortem examination, and Joline came to his death from a stab inflicted probably with a

pocket-knife. The jury retured a verdict that Anthony Joline came to his death from a stab inflicted by some person unknown.

ASSAULT WITH A HATCHET .- Last even ing a colored woman was admitted into the Hospital with her head badly cut by a hatchet. in the hands of her affectionate mother, in Budford street.

SERIOUS FALL .- Mrs. Mellon fell on the ice yesterday, at Seventeenth and San-om afreets, and broke her arm in two places. She was removed to her home,

VOTE FOR THE EDITOR'S ARM-CHAIR. The vote for the editor's arm-chair, at the Fair in the Alexander Pre-byterian Church, corner of Mineteenth and Green streets, stood as follows last evening:-

Telegraph Star... Berald.. North American...

BROKE HIS BACK .- James Dillon, aged twenty-eight years, residing in Christian street, below Second, while at work yesterday unload-ing a steamer at Washington street whar!, a case of goods fell on him, breaking his back. The unfortunate man was removed to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

BREAD FOR THE POOR,-On Monday morning, at 10 o'clock, the proprietors of the Girard House will distribute 5000 loaves of bread to the poor. The distribution will be made from the rear of the hotel.

MERTING OF SCHOOL TEACHERS.—A second meeting of school teachers will take place this afternoon at the Girls' High School, on the subject of increase of salaries.

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